

before arriving in Devonport was a brief stop on Tiritiri Matangi where there we met Barbara and Ray Walters who were very concerned with predations on the kokako (*Callaeas cinerea*) chicks by the

harrier (*Circus approximans*). Apparently, control of the harrier is forbidden even when the long-term future of the kokako conservation programme is threatened!

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***Addendum:** Ian Telford is currently undertaking a taxonomic revision of the genus *Sicyos*. Results from phenetic analyses showed differences between the New Zealand and Australian plants.

Andrew Dakin 1939 to 2001

Andrew Dakin died, aged 60, at his home in Hunua on 12 June 2001, after a sudden heart attack. He was born in England on 30 September 1939 and came to New Zealand with his family when he was about twelve years old. Andrew was a registered, private forestry consultant, and was Treasurer of the Auckland Branch of the NZ Institute of Forestry (NZIF). He recently was instrumental in helping to organise the very successful NZIF Annual Conference, held in Auckland. From the mid 1960s to around 1992 he was a technical forester with the Auckland Regional Authority (ARA) Forestry Department at Hunua. Andrew was in charge of the ARA's Hunua nursery, which produced native trees for forestry trials and for revegetating the bare scars in the Hunua Ranges after the construction of the earth dams for reservoirs. During this time he developed some innovative vegetative propagation techniques for rimu and kauri, and qualified for the NZ Diploma in Horticulture. In 1986 he became Forester in charge of the Auckland Regional Council's Hunua forest.

Andrew made a study of the native vascular flora of the Hunua Ranges. He was also fond of lichens. During the 1970s with Ian Barton they built up the ARA Hunua Forestry herbarium of over 2300 specimens. In 1986 it was donated to the Auckland Museum, and contains some 1300 Dakin specimens, including 300 lichens. Andrew was a member of the Auckland Botanical Society from 1971 until 1992. From 1972 to 1983 he published 11 articles in the *ABS Newsletter*, mainly about plants from the Hunua Ranges, and observations of leaf morphology. In 1980 Andrew co-authored an account on the lichens of Hiramata (Great Barrier Island) with David Galloway (*NZJBot* 18: 61-64). During the late 1980s he was involved in the Protected Natural Areas Programme for the Hunua Ecological District. In 1989 he co-authored the 'Native vascular flora of the Hunua Ranges' (*ABS Bulletin* 18) with Rhys Gardner.

Andrew will be sadly missed by forestry and botanical colleagues alike.

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